

The Loving-kindness of the Lord towards the Farmer

→ This particular year we have come to understand that we are greatly dependent upon ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~produced~~ <sup>produced</sup> rain. We neither have technologically advanced we are in our equipment in our techniques of farming in our production of our productive seeds, without ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> God offering the heavens with rain, farmers are destined to barren sterility fields. But God in his loving kindness is able to depend to the dependent cry unto him and manifest his power in our passage today we God's loving kindness expressed in the lives of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> farmers. I labeled them farmers because of the agricultural emphasis in their actions, and how that farmers <sup>express</sup> dependence upon God in their occupation and also it started with an "F" in order for us to understand the loving kindness of the Lord here, because it is not as self expressive as the other actions we must understand the following three principles

**FIRST** I remember reading the passage for the first time and my reaction to the metaphor holding was 32 to 33. (Read the) I could not get the image out of my mind of Bugs Bunny in this one man band act fit with a high speed drum symbols and a thousand all ~~expressing~~ <sup>expressing</sup> playing reel loved and happy on their all of a sudden going by, drum sticks, ~~band~~ <sup>band</sup> all things was ~~expressing~~ <sup>expressing</sup> all of a sudden God

## II. The ~~Rule~~ of the Lord's Power

A. All through this passage, reminders of the Rule... I've been anything in Ps 107 it is that God is not there, famine, fall... No 15:61 on the theme. Night to

B. Country to Barmen 15 33-34a We trust banks + resources to mediate us from disaster But we bank is secure from God. No strong words of employment on health are out of God's reach.

C. Barmen 15 35-40 It is equally true the other way... In the Rule of God's power, he can take a barren desert of a life, our cause it the flourish with life. A seemingly hope less marriage and death life. Hopeless and life less is not out of his reach. Ch 3:11, I have no hope but Christ can do the same and make all the difference

D. Princes to Paupers 15 40 God brings the mighty the mightiest of men! He lords are used to their name as title. But brings them down to the same grave as the pauper. And the picture of? A Prince in royal garments wondering suddenly in a desert wasteland? What comment left upon depth here? Why humbly at

E. Paupers to Princes 15 41-42 But gracious gracious words! God in his might takes the beggar even places royal robes, army, crown

Ps 113: He raised up the poor of the dust & lifted the needy out of the dung hill. That He may set him with princes Joseph - pit - Princes - Palace. Prison -> all having before

M. Henry 'Let not princes be envied, nor the poor despised' for God has many ways of changing the condition of his



### III. The Reason of the Lord's Procedure

A. Just because God has power to perform feats, do not believe he does them for kicks. He has divine purpose and reasons for His actions. Some are obvious, some are past finding out. Are there any?

Resident Sinfulness VS 34b, 40 In 34b I became hung up on the word "dwell" = to sit down, to settle, to remain. God turned a fruitful land to barrenness because wickedness took up residence, it got a foothold in their heart. Eph 4:37 "neither give place to the devil" Sin's lookin for a place to settle in a break up goodness and godliness. Also VS 40 Princes in heart & flesh is pride. Dan 4:30 Nebuchadnezzar "I do not sit on great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the Kingdom by the might of my Power, and for the honor of my majesty?"

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a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise  
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happily ever after. But that's not what happens  
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#### IV. The Rejoicing of the Lord's People <sup>vs 41</sup>

A. All the stanzas of our song of God's loving-kindness, end in a shout of praise and acclamation.

VS 36-38  
 B. Rejoice in the Plenty Given Them <sup>VS 36:</sup>  
 In verse 4, there were a people that wandered  
 in the wilderness. But now the wandering is out  
 a place too dull, a city of habitation. This reminds  
 me of the church, busy w/ activity, strong in sec-  
 urity, VS 37, there is productive labor, we were  
 created to labor for God, spiritual growth, VS 38  
 they are blessed and multiply, it is a glorious  
 thing to be alert to life's blessings rather than it  
 precludes. There is a farmer in mate that I talk to...  
 VS 38 cattle not to decrease. I'm not a prosperity  
 preacher, come to Jesus + get your million, but if we will <sup>we will</sup>

54) Rejoice in the Position Granted then  
You may not go from broom sweeper to  
the company CEO in a week's time, but you  
can rejoice in your position in Christ, You  
were once the cursed of God, now you are adopted  
by God, you once were a stranger to His covenants  
and promises, but now you are a joint heir w/  
Jesus Christ. <sup>Joseph Irons asks "How high does He set the roof? Above</sup>  
the reach of the curse which shall never reach them,  
above the power of Satan, which shall never ruin Him, above the reigning  
influence of sin, which shall have no dominion over him, above the  
possibility of being banished from His Presence, for "Israel shall be  
saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation."

families like a flock - God's blessing is seen in the size of the family, God will multiply His money here. John 10:2

Where do we see the loving-kindness of the Lord? I believe we see it in the fact that God not only responds to the repentant cry of the fainting, fallen & foolish, and the desperate cry of the frazzled but the dependent cry of the former. M. Henry: It is a great comfort to see how God manages the children of men as a father does the

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Robert Robinson wrote it best "Pride to wander Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I love." The very next verse speak of princes and Gods contempt for them. Could it be that this once this poor heathen soul began to say "I'll take down